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FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Among the items of "Timmins and District News in Brief" in The Advance of August 24th, 1916, were the following:—"Directors of the Porcupine Crown have declared the regular quarterly dividend of three per cent. for the quarter ending September 30th, payable October 2nd to holders of record September 15th." "The new shaft on the Schumacher, 1400 feet from the present main shaft, has been started, and work is being pushed rapidly." "One touch of Chaplin makes the whole world grin." "J. V. Guilfoyle left on the noon train on Tuesday for Haileybury on a business trip." "Albert Courtemanche is resigning his position as chief of police." "Jaek Nola has been doing some diamond setting on drills for the Government, having been requested by letters from Ottawa to do this, as the work previously done at the Capital was not satisfactory." "The Hayden road has been fixed up during the past week, but it will take considerable traffic to put it in good shape for motors, as the heavy sand makes it difficult even for horse vehicles."

day bringing about a dozen nice specimens of trout." (Ted has been doing the same right along in the ten years since.) "Those in charge of the 228th in Timmins wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the kindness of Marshall-Ecclestone, Ltd., in providing them with an office, light and furniture during the past couple of months." "The family of Capt. Anchor arrived in Camp Monday from Sacramento, California, and will make their home at the Dome Extension property, where the former office building has been overhauled for their occupancy, and the office removed to an adjacent building. The party was composed of Mrs. Anchor and four children." "Jaek Nolan is leaving to-day for Boston Creek and expects to bring back the remains of the diamond drilling outfit which he was working in that locality at the time of the big fire. The outfit will require considerable repairs before going into commission again." "Comfortable quarters have been secured by the 228th Battalion in the J. R. Gordon block where they will now transact all their affairs and receive recruits." "The terrific wind-storm about 3 a.m. on Tuesday stirred up the smouldering bush fires around the Gold Camp until the neighboring sky took on a lurid hue. A great many people in Timmins were roused from their slumbers by the heavy rush of wind, and a large number dressed in anticipation of a real tornado. The rain which followed a few minutes later served to check the fires and the storm passed over without serious damage." "A. Brazeau, our local plumber and tinsmith, is a busy man these days, and among the several contracts which he has secured are the new theatre and the T. & N.O. station." "Word has been received at the Hollinger Mine that Victor Tibbits, who was formerly employed as a pumpman at the mine, and who went to England to join the army,

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has been killed in action in France." "The following new recruits have been added to the strength of the 228th here during the past week:—N. Tarras, R. Mansfield (bugler), F. J. Gagnon, A. Dupuis, W. K. Studor (bugler), A. Machan, M. Starr (bugler). Recruiting is proceeding in a quiet way and many are being added to the ranks."

In the same issue of The Advance there was an announcement to the effect that Mrs. L. E. Christie was discontinuing business in Timmins, and that consequently \$20,000 stock had to be cleared in 60 days, with big bargains offered in ladies' wear, etc. Also fixtures were for sale, and store for rent.

The big feature at the Empire Theatre (now the Old Empire) for August 28th and 29th, 1916, was Myrtle Gonzalez and Val Paul in "It Happened in Honolulu." This was a Redfeather photoplay that received much advance publicity.

W. H. Wilson, clerk of the Township of Tisdale, had a notice in The Advance to the effect that he was open to receive applications for the position of tax collector for the 1916 roll in the Township of Tisdale. Applicants were asked to give details of previous experience, state if married or single, age, etc. Applications had to be in applicant's own handwriting, and accompanied by references as to ability and character."

Those newspaper guys and other common folks in the South who imagine the Porcupine Camp is a wild, untutored and uncivilized place where the natives run around in furs in winter and a coat of fly oil in the summer, are hereby notified that as much as ten years ago dress suits were worn even by men over six feet, and there were a lot of six-footers here in those days. In proof of the dress suit idea, read the following want advt. from The Advance of August 23rd, 1916—"For Sale—Full Dress Suit; only been worn a couple of times; cost nearly \$70.00; would suit a man around 6 feet or over. A bargain for anyone needing same. \$25.00 cash. Can be seen at G. L. Bissonette's Store, South Porcupine." Of course, that suit was sold, and used. Further than that, it may be added that seven years or so ago there was a Chief of Police in Timmins who admitted to wearing pajamas.

The following from The Advance of August 23rd, 1916, will be of interest:—"Fred Dane, loan commissioner for Northern Ontario, says that already he has received over a hundred applications for loans from settlers in the North. He hoped, he said, to be able to deal with these in the near future. He expects to take a trip to the North this week. He is establishing depots of lumber for the relief of fire sufferers at four strategic points in the North country. Final arrangements of the details for the basis on which this will be supplied to the settlers has not yet been reached. Meanwhile supplies are going forward as rapidly as possible."

Ten years ago Mr. Geo. W. Field, President of the Porcupine Premier Gold Mines, Ltd., of Boston, Mass., visited the Porcupine and looked over the properties owned by his company in Deloro. He was much pleased with the progress made. A large amount of the development work had been done on the 100-foot level, and in the southwest cross-cut a very fine body of ore had been opened up, aver-

aging \$8.00 to \$10.00 a ton and running fifteen feet wide. Additional plant was to be ordered to carry on the work. The road to the property had been put in shape by the Township and it was possible to drive right to the property by automobile. The Porcupine Premier Mine is now part of the Paymaster, to-day one of the camp's producing mines, so it will be seen that the promise of 1916 has been fulfilled in 1926.

"Prosperity of Timmins Reflects Growth of Porcupine Camp," says a heading in The Advance ten years ago. The article proceeds to point out the rapid development in Canada's big gold camp. The real estate boom in this section evidenced the stability and confidence in the longevity of the big producers of Porcupine. In part, The Advance says:—"Porcupine is going through some big changes and is developing very rapidly, more rapidly than those not in close touch with mining in Northern Ontario may think. Since the first of the year some big things have been done by the mines, particularly along the line of increased tonnages. The towns in the Porcupine are benefitting in proportion, Timmins especially, where over two hundred houses have been built or are under construction this year. Several business blocks, the new theatre, and the new railway station are now under construction, and a new school as well as a fire hall and hospital are on the programme for immediate building. Waterworks extensions, concrete sidewalks, improved roads, are among the local improvements now under way, and a sewage system is absorbing the attention of the Councilors. The amalgamation of Hollinger interests into a \$25,000,000 company has convinced many skeptical people that Porcupine is not a small camp. Other amalgamations have been proposed. Probably the biggest thing going on in Porcupine is the building of the 2000-ton-a-day addition to the Hollinger mill. This will give the company a tonnage of 4000 tons a day. By the time the mill addition is completed the central shaft will be ready for operation. The underground workings of the consolidated properties are being coupled up so that when the enlarged mill is working, ore can be drawn from many sources. The Dome Mines is steadily increasing its mill capacity, and the stamps are being replaced by tube mills. The McIntyre is being remodelled in some details which will result in an increased production. The development underground at the McIntyre has been more than satisfactory. The Porcupine Crown is running along steadily, turning out its regular tonnage. The Vipond vein has developed well on the 500-ft. level, and it is expected that the operation of the mine will be profitable from now on." Brief reference is also made to the West Dome Consolidated, the North Thompson and other properties. It is pleasing to look back and see the optimistic spirit of The Advance ten years ago, the faith of this newspaper in this Camp, and then to consider how fully the years have justified the optimism and faith of ten years ago.

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NOT ENOUGH DAYLIGHT FOR GUN CLUB LAST WEEK

So Many Taking Part in Weekly Shoot, That the Shoot-off Had to be Deferred to This Week.

So much interest is maintained in the weekly Gun Club shoots, and so many are taking part that daylight did not last long enough last Thursday to allow the shoot-off. The following members qualified for the handicap shoot-off:—J. Collins, T. Blackman, F. Bedeski, T. McDonagh, A. Throop, H. Harvey, K. Bragg, J. Lafferty, R. Lafferty, J. D. Brady, Dr. C. Taylor. These will shoot-off the first part of shoot on Thursday (to-day) for the weekly Club trophy.

The Timmins Gun Club accepted the kind invitation of the Connaught Gun Club to visit there yesterday (Wednesday) the only promise being fair weather for the trip by auto.

The following are the scores for the shoot last week:—

	Shot at	Broke
J. Collins	25	19
F. Loney	25	14
C. McWhiney	25	13
J. A. McLachie	25	17
J. G. Barron	25	10
T. Ireland	25	14
T. Blackman	25	11
P. C. Young	25	12
F. Bedeski	25	17
Dr. Taylor	25	16
J. Bedeski	25	12
J. Andercheek	25	13
Capt. Richards	25	7
J. Dumbrellie	25	11
J. Stanton	25	22
J. Amms	25	18
T. McDonagh	25	12
A. Throop	25	22
K. Gray	25	12
E. Simms	25	7
F. McGrath	25	19
J. Stanlake	25	17
V. Emery	25	13
H. Harvey	25	17
K. Bragg	25	10
F. Sexton	25	18
W. Booth	25	12
J. Lafferty	25	15
R. Lafferty	25	11
Capt. Young	25	21
R. Milne	25	18
Capt. Jones	25	15
J. D. Brady	25	17

CHINESE ARE PEACEFUL AND INOFFENSIVE PEOPLE

In regard to the smashing-up of furniture and fittings at the Empress Hotel at Cochrane recently by a gang of harvesters passing through to the West, The Cochrane News left the impression that the Chinamen were to blame for the disorder, through picking a quarrel with one of the harvesters. At the time The Advance pointed out that this was altogether contrary to the disposition and temperament of the Chinese. As a matter of fact, from drunken and foolish white men the average Chinese restaurant keeper puts up with more abuse and nonsense than a human being should be asked to bear. Usually, the Chinaman shows an immense amount of patience and restraint. Accordingly, it was hard to believe that the peaceful Chinamen at Cochrane should go out of their way to attack a harvester or anyone else. The truth of this idea is shown by a correction published in the last issue of The News. In this correction The News says:—"In last week's issue of The News, it was stated that the real cause of the smashing of windows at the Empress Hotel was blamed on the employees of the Empress, but since we have learned that some of the harvesters started the disturbance in the kitchen of the place by throwing pies on the floor, which the management resented. It is regretted that such a disturbance should have taken place in Cochrane." Surely, "it is regretted that such a disturbance should take place" anywhere, and still more that peaceful and inoffensive people should be unjustly blamed as the cause. In this North Land the Chinamen have been among the pioneers. In the early days of practically every community in this North they have supplied a genuine need. They pay their way, are almost invariably good-humoured, despite unnecessary abuse and imposition. They are entitled to a square deal and a fair word.

BAND OF TWENTY PIECES ORGANIZED AT COCHRANE.

Cochrane again has a town band, organization being completed recently. There are about twenty playing members to the new Cochrane Band, and the work is being taken up with energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Hancock has been appointed band leader, and practices are being held every Friday evening.